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## NEW SOUTH WALES.

*Sydney*.—Week ended November 9. Rodents destroyed, 515; examined, 394; found infected, 0. Report for week ended November 16 not received. Week ended November 23. Rodents destroyed, 1,553; examined, 395; found infected, 0. Date of last infected rodent taken, October 21; on fresh premises September 5.

## BRAZIL.

*Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Increase in prevalence of smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, December 20:

Week ended December 15. Vessels sailing for United States ports issued bills of health by this Consulate-General: December 10—British steamship *Harlow*, for Galveston, in water ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; Portuguese bark *Soares da Costa*, for Brunswick, Ga., in stone ballast, no passengers, and no change in crew personnel. December 11—Belgian steamship *Camoens*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, with 5 cabin and 7 steerage passengers from Rio de Janeiro and with no change in the crew personnel at this place.

*Mortality—Plague and smallpox.*

Week ended December 15, 1907. Total deaths, 263. No cases or deaths of yellow fever. Smallpox caused 33 new reported cases with 9 deaths, and bubonic plague 6 new reported cases with 1 death. The epidemic of smallpox is increasing. At the close of the week there were under treatment in the hospital São Sebastião no cases of yellow fever, 34 cases of smallpox and 10 cases of plague, with 31 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

## CHINA.

*Report from Chungking—Sanitary conditions.*

Consul Mitchell reports:

Chungking city on account of its natural location, being on a high ridge extending to the juncture of the Yangste and Kialing rivers, is well drained, but considering its overcrowded condition it can not be classed as hygienic from a modern standpoint.

The humidity of the atmosphere is very great in spring and autumn and the thermometer never reaches freezing point. The maximum temperature during the past three years was 106°. Excessive heat seldom lasts over two weeks.

For the past 18 years the city has been remarkably free from epidemics of any kind. During that time cholera has been twice present. Bubonic plague has never been known here.